Jolts and Setbacks Because of the Pressure of the War

# Sporting and Athletic Events Had Their Ups and Downs in District in 1917

Sporting Activities in the District Were Handed Many

## FANS FAILED TO SUPPORT LOCAL TEAM

Griff's Nationals Had Hard Uphill Battle in 1917. Finished in Rut.

History in local major league baseball repeated itself in 1917 as the Nationals found themselves back in the rut in the league standing after one of the poorest sea-sons ever witnessed here Poor at-tendance of the local fans caused rumors to float thick and fast that Nationals would lose their franchise at the meeting held in December and Clark Griffith and the hoard of directors of the local club denied these outcries repeat

ing to the best of dope, will not lose its franchise in the American League and every one is looking ahead to better conditions for the baseball world in 1918.

Ever since the reign of Clark Griffith, the Nationals have trained in Charlottesville, Va., but the weather man has worked such hoodoos on Griff and his clan in the training camp of 1917 was changed. The rookies of the team were hiked off to Augusta, Ga., on the first day of March and were joined by the regulars on the 10th of the month. For twelve days af-ter this date the Nationals worked hard in the warm sunshine of Georgia and the training trip in the little town across the Carolina line was given the O. K. approval of all hands as practice was only halted one day because of bad On March 22 the squad weather. On March 22 the squad divided into two teams and barn-storming trips to the Capital were under way. The Yannigans, under the leadership of Ray Morgan, went up the coast and although they failed to return with any hig financial results, they showed that Griff had gathered around him some promising yoursters. promising youngsters, as every game was won by a big margin.

The first string team hit the trail through the middle west playing exhibition games with Christy Mathewson's Cincinnati Reds. The thewson's Cincinnati Reds. The Nationals broke even in this se-ries and things looked rosy for lo-cal fandom, but shortly after the season got under way. Griff's clan

handicapped with injuries which held the team back and was the same old story of the Na-tianals being back in the rut From a financial standpoint the season was a poor one, as even a sp tor could see by the attendance that the club lost money. This was due to the war work of the government clerks who were the big supporters of the team. During the summer months it was impossible for the government to spare its aids and when things settled in September and Oc-tober the club was so far back that it was like wasting time to make the the Florida Avenue Stadium to pull for our losing outfit. Griff picked up a couple of likely looking youngsters in Horace Milan and Mike Memoskey last season, but he will be without their services in 1918, as they both have answered the and Mike Memosicey last season, but he will be without their services in 1918, as they both have answered the call to arms. George Du Mont, the young righthanded pitcher, purchased in 1915, proved a winner for the Old Fox 1-st season and should have a good season in 1918. Doe Ayers, another who has joined the ranks, had the best season of his career in 1917. Sammy Rice was the only National that clouted the pill above the 300 mark, Rice reaching this by one point. Walter Johnson lead the league again in strikeouts, but did not get started until late in June.

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### AMATEUR BASEBALL.

Organized amateur baseball in the District had the poorest season in its bules, mistory. The old saying, "!You never miss a good man until he is gone," was mainly responsible for the poor season, as Harry Shurtleff, who acted as secretary to the local association for the past three seasons, accepted an advancement in the United States !'You never Marine Corps, and, of course, was called out of town. No one could be called out of town. No one could be found to replace one of the greatest men amateur baseball anywhere has ever known, and, with the leading spirit gone, amateur baseball had a tough uphill battle to wage against the many rough spots that confronted the leagues during the season.

Just as a side issue, it was Sergenal Harry Shurtleff to his many friends, but his many friends here, especially those in local baseball, will be more those in local baseball, will be more than pleased to note that it is now Capt. Harry Shurtleff, and he sure has the best wishes of good luck of all in his new stride against Kalser

after numerous quarrels and troubles they each managed to play out their the association. The Truxton Ath-letic Club was declared the winners in this circuit after half the sched-ule had been played. The General Office team captured the Terminal R. R. Y. M. C. A. League honors after a poor season, while the Marcon club got away with the honors in the Rose-dale League, after many trying situ-

ations.
In the short post-senson series played the Maroon Club won, but due to lack of finances, no inter-city se-ries could be arranged with Richwere kept in the various leagues, but willow in the final series of six games

#### INTERCHOLASTIC BASE-BALL.

Central High School captured the interscholastic baseball title last year. Central was the favorite all the way, and proved the class of the high school series. It won all four of its games with ease as it scored about five times as many runs as its oppo-nents during the series. Western was considered to be the best outside of Central, but it gave the Mt. Pleasant

aggregation very little trouble in its encounter on the diamond.

The other three high schools in the series played indifferent baseball and had very little chance, as they were so far outclassed by the winner. Business had some capable players in its line-up, but they could not get teamwork going and had to take a place in the "also ran" class. Tech started out well, but some of its best players were debarred by school marks and were off the team. Eastern was never in the running as it. marks and were off the team. East-ern was never in the running, as it had a very small squad from which be build a team; but it possed the old in each of the other bouts in which he haves may disconting the state of the other bouts in which he

#### NEW YEAR PROPHECY.

What will it bring? asked the baseball scribe.
What will the New Year bring?
Will Alex and Johnson lose more
than they win?
Will Wagner come back in the
spring?

Will nineteen-eighteen with its stars and its goats Develop another Frank Chance? Will Mack win a pennant? Will Rowland lose out? Will Zim after Ed Collins dance?

With all of the guessing on dope that's to come

The easiest part of my job
Is to figure whatever the New
Year does,
It won't bring another Ty Cobb.

## FOOTBALL HAS GOOD SEASON

Georgetown Leads Way for Local Elevens—Central Tops Scholastic.

But three local colleges placed teams on the gridiron last fall, Catholic the little Virginia college town that University and George Washington University being without capable material to make possible any kind of showing in the great collegiate game. Georegtown, Maryland State and Gallaudet were represented, and of this trio the Hilltoppers showed the best. Although Coach Exendine's machine failed to run up the points like

> s was by the powerful Navy the Middles winning a hard battle by a 28-to-7 score. Georgetown took such well-known teams into camp as Springfield "Y," Lehigh, Virginia Poly, Fordham and Washington and

> eight games played while Virginia Military Institute was played to a 14-to-14 tie. Although Navy and Penn State handed the College Park eleven good lacings, Coach Byrd's team finjohns of Annapolis and the Johns-Hopkins elevens, Gallaudet introduced the graduate-

roners ever produced at the Kendal Green Institute, was in charge of the The Buff and Blue captured three of its seven games, but only one of these was against a col-lege combination. The Kendall Greeners turned back the Washington Colleg team by a 27-to-0 score.

#### INDEPENDENT BASEBALL

The sandlot game, better known to the Sabbath fans who patronize the games despite the presure of the

and Athletics of Washington, and the Alexandria Country Athletic Association of Clarendon, Va. After a hotty fought series the Clarendon team were again awarded the champion-ship.

ship.

The individual work of Von Herand Fitzgerald, of the Rex; McCarthy, of the Athletics, and Macdonald, of the Cardinals, proved to be the best players on the other clubs. The Wash-lagton, Baltimore and Annapolis Rail-when 1,000 fans journed over the elecchampionship, failed to meet

#### INDEPENDENT FOOT-BALL.

But one ranking teams, in indepen-dent circles was organized last fall, this being the champion Mohawk Athetic Club eleven which again won the title. Although there was a lack first-class local independent teams to face the Indians the Mohawks found plenty of competition in the ranks of the "Sammies" and "Blue Jackets" stationed in this vicinity, and the fans who witnessed these games were treated to some of the best football

in the history of the sport. After setting back all its opponents the Mohawks ran into a snag when they took on the Twelfth Coast Artiliery eleven, who played them a 0-0 tie. This game was followed by a 0-0 tie with the engineers from Washington Barracks, but because of a dispute over the title the Indians and the Ar-tillery played off their game with the Mohawks coming out on the long end of a 13 to 0 count.

As the Engineers were ordered somewhere over there, the chance of settling the dispute was not forthcoming, but, owing to the great rec-ord established by the Clubmen they were granted the honoys in indepen-dent ranks.

The 140-pound title is still unsettled.

as the eleven from the Westover Ath-letic Club, Truxton Athletic Club and letic Club. Truxton Athletic Club and the Park Club finished the season with a three-cornered tie. Although a series was arranged to play off this tie it was never-completed, as the first game resulted in another draw between the Truxtons and Westovers, while hed weather interfered with the while bad weather interfered with the other games.

### WRESTLING.

The grappling fans were treated to some real attractions during the past season. Joe Turner, who claims the middle-weight title, defended his title until late in the spring, when Jack Ozar, of Bethel, Pa., won two of three falls from him in a benefit at the Gayety Theater. Mike Yokel, the Sait Lake City Mormon, granted Turner the much sought bout in this city and the local grappler won when Yokel refused to come back for the third fall after each had gained one. John Olin, who won the heavy-weight title from Joe Stecher, was a visitor here shortly after gaining his title but Loudin, who substituted for the Gayety Theater: Mike Yokel, if d a team; but it possed the old in each of the other pours in the series took part, while the heavy-weights never gained a foothold here,

Nineteen hundred and seventeen soon will pass along into the vists of years. The sands in the glass have almost run their course, and when the last grain has settled with the birth of the New Year the twelve months which is about to be closed can be placed in the records of time as one that was uncertain throughout, and suffered with plenty of its ups and downs to keep alive interest in all branches of sport.

After Uncle Sam entered into the world's great war it put a damper on sporting events in this city. After a few weeks of realization that athletics and sporting events were necessary for training of war fighters, the sporting world in general took a new lease on life and, along with a new lease on life and, along with the training camp activities, the late summer and fall season of the year found local athletica thriving once

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Baseball, tennis, golf, boxing, racing, rowing, football and other athletics in all their branches, professional and mateur, are looking forward to amateur, are looking forward to a successful season in 1918. To cover the year 1917 insofar as actual sport-ing records are concerned would re-quire columns upon columns of sta-tistics. Records of the many events that have taken place in all lines of sport would show the breaking of many marks and the making of many new champions. The local season taken as a whole was not up to the standard of athletics before war was declared. A full review of local sports during the season is in this

#### RACING.

The local racing season was shered in at Havre de Grace this fall and was conducted in this vining seven games and losing one, taking the ranking of number ten in the list of elevens in the country.

The only set-back band of number ten in sport was sent off to a finite set of the cinity nearly three months until the there, and was followed by one month's racing at Laurel track. The thoroughbreds then went to Pimlico for the banner meeting of the hilitop track. Bowie came next, and like its three predecessors harbored the most successful meet-

ing of its career
The biggest event of the year turning back the crack Usaacs eleven from Alientown, Pa.

Maryland State won but four of its great match race was held between clight games played while Virginia Omar Khayyam and Hourless, the

#### SCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL

To Central goes the title of the High School football season as it had a record breaking eleven. It went with only nine points scored against them. Its goal line was not crossed during the high school series. In the Central-Business game the largest score of the season was hung up and a new mark set for scholastic football which will stand for a long During the 40 minutes of play Central scored 120 points, while its opponents were never within the dan-ger zone. This 120 points means more than a touchdown a minute, to come

#### BOXING.

road team, which figured in the 1915 tric road to witness Andy Cortez, of championship, failed to meet any local clubs,

Brooklyn, N. Y., waltz fifteen rounds with the local veteran Tommy Lowe. On top of this farce a few weeks later Fay Kaizer, the Cumberland miner, forced Mike Uraine, the fighting policeman, to take a good beating.

This was enough for the fan for a while, but when the winter months dawned Sam Langford, the Boston tar baby, was booked with Andrew Johnson, and Johnson did not help to boost the game here in any way, as The recent Kid Sheeler-Jeff Smith

affair has been quite enough for local fandom and it is a sure bet that it will take a man with iron-clad nerve and he must be a glutton for punish ment to attempt to open the doors o

the Ardmore arena again.

The bright light on the boxing world of 1917 will do doubt startle the boxing fighting fans in a few days when a bill will be introduced to Congress to legalize boxing in the District, which has a good chance of

#### COLLEGIATE BASEBALL.

The four colleges in this vicinity had elaborate schedules for the past season, but on account of the war preparations had to curtail most of them. Catholic University played about half of its games and won the ma-jority. Its big game of the year, that with Holy Cross, was won after a hard fight in the eleventh inning by 3-to-2 count.

3-to-2 count.

Georgetown had several games scheduled with the big five, but had to cancel them and only played a few games. Its big success of the year was the defeat of its ancient rival, Lehigh. It beat Lehigh after a hard struggle in a 6-to-5 battle.

Maryland State and Callaudet had

Maryland State and Gallaudet had their plans all torn to pieces and Maryland State was defeated by Gallaudet in its one contest, 5 to 4. Gal-laudet in turn was taken into camp by Catholic University in its only encounter with the Brooklanders, 6 to 3. Neither of the last two mentioned colleges had a fairly repres President declared war.

### SOCCER.

Soccer is taking a death grip on the District and is getting a better grip on the followers of the sport each day. It is being played by some of the graded schools which means the game is sure of a boost.

The only organization that has consistently played sector this game.

has been the Washington Soccer Club, which went through a season with about as many wins as losses. It's most remarkable game was the defeat of the strong St. Elizabeth team from Baltimore, which it heat to be

## The Year's Champions

BASEBALL.

World Champions—Chicago White Sox.
American League Champions—Chicago White Sox.
National League Champions—New York Giants.
Leading American League Pitcher—Eddie Cicotte.
Leading National League Pitcher—Grover Alexander.
Leading American League Batter and Base Shaler—Ty Cobb.
Leading National League Batter—Eddie Roush.
Leading National League Base Steafer—Max Carey. High Spots of the Baseball Year.

Ty Cobb hits safely in 35 consecutive games.

Grover Alexander won 30 victories for his third consecutive year
ng Mathewson's record. FOOTBALL.

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Eastern Champions—Pittsburgh University.
Big Ten Champions—Ohio State University.
Southern Champions—Georgia Tech.
Pacific Coast Champions—Washington State College.
Southwestern Champions—Texas A. & M.
Missouri Valley Champions—Nebraska University.
Leading Scorer of the Year—Ingram, U. S. Naval Academy, 162 points
Team Leading in Scoring—Georgia Tech.

BOXING. Heavy-weight—Jess-Willard.
Light Heavy-weight—In dispute.
\*Middle-weight—Mike O'Dowd.
\*Welter-weight—Ted Lewis.
\*Light-weight—Benny Loonard.
Feather-weight—Johnny Kilbane.
\*Bantam-weight—Pete Herman.
Fly-weight—Jimmie Wilde.

Title won this year.

TENNIS.

There were no championships tennis matches this year, R. Morris lliams and Miss Molla Bjursted retaining their national titles. TURE.

ATHLETICS. Indoor Record, Mile—Johnny Overton, 4:16.
Indoor Record, 1,000 Yards—Johnny Overton, 2:14.
Indoor Record, 2 Miles—Joie Ray, 9:11 2-5.
Indoor Record, 60 Yards—Jo Loomis, 0:06 2-5.
Indoor Record, 300 Yards—A. B. Kelly, 0:31 2-5.
Outdoor Record, 15-mile Walk—Ed Benz, 2:07:17 3-5.

SKATING. Oscar Matthieson retains world speed skating championship.

SWIMMING. In swimming carnival at Honolulu Norman Ross set eight new swimming records, Perry McGillvray two and Duke Kahanamoku, Ludy Langer, Harold Kruger and Michael McDermott each one.

At the same carnival Miss Olga Dorfner, Miss Claire Galligan and Miss Dorothy Eurns set new records in all events for women from 50 to 500 yards.

#### BOWLING.

Duckpin obtained a death grip on date. The Royal team, whose membership was Halley, Lewis, Carroll, Stanford and Krause, put across the highest team total of the sea-Omar Knayyam and Houriess, the Stanford and Krause, put across latter proving the winner. The the highest team total of the seapatriotic addition was added to son, gathering in 1,783 pins in the each day's races at Laurel when games of 641, 564 and 518. Krause Liberty Bond stakes were run, the led the way with two games of winners being payed off in Liberty 148 and another of 126 for a total

trict League, and the Continentals of the same circuit furnished the highest game of the season with 655, while Chapin of this team turned in the best individual set, twice rolling a total of 434 Johnny Vaeth of the Grand Central
team during a ten-game match
rolled a set of 682 for five games.

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The sectional event in the section of the women's entered a greed war. The leagues enjoyed a good year but the big event of the season was the tournament which was held in the spring of the year under the auspices of the Washington City Duckpin Association, which fur-nished the following winners: opponents were never within the danger zone. This 129 points means more than a touchdown a minute, to come than a touchdown a minute, to come down to actual figures, and any team last to be on its toes all the time to 1.535; Barber and Hansford, Class by the control of the other leagues, Columnias to be on its toes all the time to 1.535; Barber and Hansford, Class by the control of the other leagues, Columnias to be on its toes all the time to 1.535; Barber and Hansford, Class by the control of the other leagues, Columnias to be on its toes all the time to 1.535; Barber and Hansford, Class by the control of the other leagues, Columnias to be on its toes all the time to 1.535; Barber and Hansford, Class by the control of the other leagues, Columnias to be on its toes all the time to 1.535; Barber and Hansford, Class by the control of the other leagues, Columnias to be on its toes all the time to 1.535; Barber and Hansford, Class by the control of the other leagues, Columnias to be on its toes all the time to 1.535; Barber and Hansford, Class by the control of the other leagues, Columnias to be on its toes all the time to 1.535; Barber and Hansford, Class by the control of the other leagues, Columnias to the other leagues and the other leagues are the other leagues and the other leagues are the other leagues and the other leagues are the other leagues are the other leagues are the other leagues and the other leagues are the other leagues

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vaded Baltimore and brought home

#### MOTORCYCLE RACING.

The motorcycle racting title has been very much disputed during the past few years, but William Denham proved conclusively that he rightful holder of these walked away with every event in which the local and out-of-town riders were competing, while he stood off the reputation of a visiting machine and crack rider in the two events held on crack rider in the two events held on Labor Day.

In this meet B. E. Andre, of Rich-

mond, visited here to take Denham's number with his Indian model, known as the Virginia Creeper, but the local rider took both events on his Excelsior in an easy fashion.

#### CANOEING

Washington Canoe Club captured the larger part of the canoeing honors this season. They won the Associated Canoeists regatta with 51 points, which tor. They also finished first in the Potomac Boat Club regatta. C. H. Wagner, of the Washington Canoe Club carried off top honors with 23 Club carried off top honors with an points to his credit.

The big six of the Washington Canoe Fright. Elliason

peted out of the city in several re-gattas and were successful. They won the Arundel Boat Club meet in Baltimore by a wide margin. They went to Philadelphia and proved worthy competitors. The Washington Canoe Club team, which cleaned up at the Sugar Island regatta in 1916, is said to be one of the best in the country. to be one of the best in the country. There were many club regattas held on the Upper Potomac during the past summer and some fine competition was pulled off.

#### CRICKET.

There is only one senior organization in cricket in the city, known as the Washington Cricket Club, and its com-petition comes from the Monumental City. The local club has been just sentatives of Baltin sentatives of Baltimore.

Cricket is gaining in popularity every year and it is only a question of a few years when it will be on a par

with the other sports and claim many local followers.

When inter-city games were not scheduled club games were played on the Potomac Park grounds, which were watched by many local followers of critical

#### POLO.

Washington Polo Club furnished the local lovers of this nerve-racking game many an exciting moment when it brought down some of the best teams

#### TENNIS.

breviated schedule, enjoyed unusually successful seasons. The two big events in which large fields entered. successful seasons. The two big events—the invitation fourneys of the Chevy Chase and Columbia clus—were called off, but the District and Middle At-

on, but the District and Middle Atlantic championships were played as per schedule. In the former, Louis I. Doyle was the winner, with Albert J. Gore as runner-up, the latter taking the Middle Atlantic title when he beat out Edward O. Leech in the last round. In the doubles, "Lou", Doyle to the last round. In the doubles, "Lou", Doyle to the last round. In the doubles, "Lou", Doyle to the last round. In the doubles, "Lou", Doyle to the last round. In the doubles, "Lou", Doyle to the last round. round. In the doubles, "Lou" Doyle and John M. Hancock took the Dis-

The boy's title went to Paul Conklin. while Jack Dudley was best among the juniors. Howard H. Cissel won the scholastic singles title, while his team, Central High, had no trouble in coming out on top in scholastic team play.
War Department repeated its 1916 Racquet Club (Surburban), won easily and met Baltimore's champion team.

and met Baltimore's champlon team, losing out 13 matches to 5. The Mid-City team took the title in the Wom-en's Tennis League. One of the most interesting develop-ments of the local tennis year was the selection of "Connie" Dovle as a mem ber of the Eastern team, which m i a picked aggregation from the Wer at Los Angeles early in the season. Doyle Alexander contributed the only East-

for 1918, and, if this is true, local fol-

### AUTO RACING.

Two automobile race meets were held during the past year, the first on Memorial Day and the other on of the local and many out-of-town drivers in the Memorial Day meet as he captured four of the five events on the program with his Beaver

Barber did not enter the Labor Day meet, but his car, the Beaver Bullet, was entered but failed to show as Willie Kesler, who was to have driven the machine, broke his arm while tuning up the machine in the morn-ing. Out-of-town drivers and out-of-town cars scored most of the honors The Jimmie Junior and Jimmie

owned by the Kline Motor Car Com-pany, of Richmond, put through a quartet of winners in the six events carded, while the Marquette Buick took the other two events. The Jim-mie Junior and Jimmie were driven by-Donnie Moore, while the Buick was piloted by Harry Meyers.

#### ROWING.

Rowing regattas were hard hit during 1917, as most of the big re-gattas were called off throughout the country and only one event was held here for the local oarsmen. When the gong was sounded to "get Kaiser Bill" the oarsmen of the Potomac Boat Club and the Anfirst to answer the call, but late in August the athletes of the Potomac Club held a closed regatta.

an eight-cared race between ath-letes who had volunteered their services and men who were named in the selective draft. The "Draft les" had most of the veterans a few feet from the "regulars" after one of the best races ever witness ed over the new mile course on the Potomac.

#### BILLIARDS.

Two tournaments were held in the District for pocket billiards players during 1916. Walter Wallace, who has been recignized as the local champion for the past four or five years, took the honors in the tournament held at Frank Sherman's parlors, but he failed to enter the big tournament for the title and diamond-studded medal which was held by Maurice Cartita at his Grand Central Health

Notwithstanding the fact that o Notwinstanding the fact that on account of the war golfing programs throughout the country were curtailed, local players enjoyed a very good year. Although only four tournaments were held, there were a number of good professional exhibition matches scheduded for the benefit of the Red Cross such for other red of the Red Cross and for other relief work, while weekly, monthly and special events were held at all of the cal clubs at short intervals through-

local clubs at short intervals through-out the season.

The professionals opened the sea-son with a tournament at the Co-lumbia Country Club, Gitbert Nichols, beating out a big field for top honors, with Walter Hagan, second, and Tom Kerrigan, third. Jim Barnes, Wil-fred Reid, Jack Hutchinson, Alexan-der Campbell and the local "pros" all contributed their "bit" in exhibiton matches, which made the season one of exceptional interest from a spectac-ulas siewpoint. ulas riewpoint.
The best of the local amateur event

The best of the local amateur events was furnished by the Chevy Chase Club, D. Clarke Corkran, of the Baltimore Country Club, winning with William S Revburn, of the home club, runner-up. The best match of this event came in the semi-finals, when Corkran beat Norman W. Maxwell, North and South champion, on the nineteenth green after having been nineteenth green after having beer "down" all the way, Norbert Demp-sey captured Middle Atlantic bonors beating out Edward B. Eynon, fr., of beating out Edward B. Eynon, jr., of Columbia, in the ultimate round. This event was a "patriotic" one, being played on the Columbia, Chevy Chase and Kirkside courses. John W. Brawner was best in the Washington Golf and Country Club's annual event,

called off on account of war conditions, as was that for the women's title, but the fair sex was not without competitive golf at Chevy Chase, Columbia or Bannockburn, as numerous events were staged at all three of these clubs. At Chevy Chase Mrs. Ormsby McCammon won the club title, while Local racquetters had very few opportunities for tournament play during the year just ending, only two events being scheduled, but the leagues, with the exception of the Departmental, which ran under an abpreviated schedule, enjoyed unusually the Smith Leach and Receive technical Mrs. C. L. Frailey won the Euening Mrs. C. L. Frai

All things being considered, follow-

#### SCHOLASTIC OUT-DOOR TRACK

event at the Penn relay games, when Montague ran in eighth position, goint defeated some of the notable high ing to the post unattached. school athletes of the country. In the Maryland State games Tech car-ried off fourth place, as it beat out Baltimore City College.

#### GIRLS' BASKET-BALL.

and played throughout the entire sea.

Maryland State sent Brook Brewer Alexander contributed the only Eastern victory when they won in the doubles.

It is understood that the United States Lawn Tennis Association intends to restore all tournament play for 1918, and, if this is true, local following preparatory for 1918, and, if this is true, local following preparatory school in the District just as rapidly as the boys. George Washington University and Gallaudet Cillege represented the colleges, while very strong teams represented the following preparatory school in the District just as rapidly as the only local representative in competition, he winning honors in the colleges, while very strong teams represented the following preparatory school in the District just as rapidly as the only local representative in competition, he winning honors in the colleges, while very strong teams represented the following preparatory school in the District just as rapidly as the only local representative in competition, he winning honors in the colleges. With the District just as rapidly as the only local representative in competition, he winning honors in the colleges. With the District just as rapidly as the only local representative in competition, he winning honors in the colleges. With the District just as rapidly as the only local representative in competition, he winning honors in the colleges. With the District just as rapidly as the only local representative in competition, he winning honors in the Colleges. With the District just as rapidly as the only local representative in competition, he winning honors in the Colleges with the only local representative in competition. schools: Bristol, Holton Arms. Gun-ston, Madeira, Colonial, Eastman. chances for goals from the field, suc-cessfully scoring eighteen of them. This coming season it is expected that every college, preparatory and high school will have representative teams.

#### TRAP SHOOTING

Trap shooping is conducted under the auspicies of the Analostan Gun Club, which has been very successful during the past year. Regular shoots have been held every Saturday during the summer and up until late in the fall, which has furnished plenty of competition for the men ed plenty of competition for the mem-bers of the club and their friends. The organization has on its rolls some of the best trap shooters in this on the whole was just as strong, section of the country. R. D. Morgan, the champion shot of the South and E. W. Ford, considered one of the performers. The junior section was best marksmen of the club. Morgan created so that those of less exmen. When the gong was sounded to "get Kaiser Bill" the oarsmen of the Potomac Boat Club and the Andalostan Boat Club were among the alostan Boat Club were among the first to answer the call, but late's in the call of the control of the sound was only one target behind his colleagues.

Washington horsemen were only given one opportunity during 1917 to Washington horsemen were show the sped of their thoroughbreds. The Rockville Fair, which was held during the closing days of August, saw local horsemen cleaning up in nearly all the events.

Worth, forwards; Eichner, Keller, centar; R. Chark, Epiphany, and E. Colburn, Keller, guards.

all the events.

The Javin brothers set the pace by grabbing off the honors in the 2:19 trot with Mordecai in three straight heats on the opening day, W. G. Miller and W. E. Miller divided the honors on the other two days, the former putting across Royal Penn in the 2:23 trot and Wheeler K. in the 2:16 trot. W. E. Miller scored with Alice M. in ice, Mike Gibbe the 2:16 trot, Ben Jones in the 2:34 trot and Crystal Lewis in the 2:39 pade. C. W. Plunkett proved to have the best runner of the meet, as Gallene was the big winner in the flat events.

#### National Indoor Tennis Title to Hendrickson

New York, Dec. 22.—In an arctic atmosphere which dampened the ardor of the most enthusiastic fan, the junior National Indoor Tennis singles championship was annexed today by Edward H. Hendrickson, the Amherst College star. He defeated Harold L. Taylor, the Brooklyn prep player and holder of the Metropolitan honors, in five sets by 3-6, 4-6, 6-5, 6-2 and 6-4. The boys' mational title was won by Cecile Donaldson, the Borough Park youngster. He secured an easy three-set victory over Abraham Baseford by 5-2, 6-2 and 6-2.

## G. U. LEADS ON INDOOR TRACK

Blue and Gray Prove Best Meets—Brooke Brewer Individual Star.

Three indoor meets were held in ne immediate vicinity of Washingon during 1916 which furnished iffteen captests, while Gallaudet took plenty of competition for local ath-letes. Coach John O'Reilly's George-town team set the pace for the college track man, while Bill Foley's Central squad proved the best in the scholastic ranks. Brooke Brewer, the former St.

Brawner was best in the Golf and Country Club's annual event, Tom Dempsey Josing to him in the finals. Walter R. McCallum and George P. James fought things out in the Columbia classic, the former winning handily.

Brooke Brewer, Inc. Brooke Brewer, Inc. Albans School sprinter who ran under the colors of the Maryland State College, was easily the individual star of the winter season, as this famous little athlete upheld his sprinting honors against all he met one winning victories over the local voungster

The biggest event of the indoor season was the capturing of the one mile relay by the Georgetown University quartet from its ancient

#### CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Carroll Institute team, after or more basketers performing bril-winning the 1917 championship on New liantly in similar positions one the Year's Day, won one more race as a artured the out-of-town prize in the Evening Mail race in New York City.

In the New Year's race, Pat Shanley ran second to Joe Gieger, the South Atlantic champion, while Carroll had five men across the line in the first University, guards. Each of these training of the content of the second content Evening Mail race in New York City.

Edward Schmidt, of the Baltimore Cross-Country Club, captured the honors in the three-mile hike held by the Cherrydale Fireman's Association each The high school outdoor track meet was held in the new Central Stadium last spring, and was won by Bill Foley's Mt. Pleasanters. Technical pushed Central close for first honors. This event was the only local outdoor meet held in the city.

The collegiate cross-country run was held but the 1918 like was held out the city. the Tome games and at Maryland last Thanksriving Day, when the Bal-State. At State, Central beat the team from Baltimore Polytechnic by 25 to the way to the college teams in this 25 r dats.

Technical triumphed in the mile sented in this race by a club, but Pat

#### COLLEGIATE OUTDOOR TRACK.

LEAGUE BASKET-BALL. ston, Madeira, Colonial, Eastman, Friends', Sorority, Ingram and J. O. Wilson Normal. The George Washington University team played eighteen games, winning twelve and losing six. Seven teams of collegiate and five of preparatory rank were played. One ten-day trip was taken by the G. W. U. girls when they went as far as Boston, Mass., to play Radeliffe College and the Sargent School for Physical Education at Cambridge. On their return they played the Temple University girls and Swarthmore College at Philadelphia. A wonderful record was made by Miss Jack Smith, of the Bristol School, in a championship game against the Gunston feam was defeated, 40 to 27, Miss Smith scoring all the points for Bristol. Miss Smith had twenty-two en life of the control of the miss of the high point schore of the mish point schore of with even more success than in Balph Wise, Business, forwards; Tabb, their first year, Six chapters, or-Technical, center, Schneider and ganized in that many different Sun-Pfeiffer, Technical, guards. day Schools, composed the league. Pi Chapter only lost one game during the entire season, and that to Gamma Sigma in their last contest. Gamma Sigma was a very close

the Analostan Gun been very success-past year. Regular

The Sunday School League was in each section. Peck Chapel won the senior section for the third consecutive time, while Epiphany and defeated all their opponents and won the junior section. The lague perience and younger age have a chance to get into competition. The idea worke very successfully and some very good material was developed. TROTTING AND PACING.

The feature of this regatta was an eight-oared race between ath
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TROTTING A Hillis, Mt. Pleasant, and Dixon. Peck, guards. The following were selected from the junior league: Dodge, Epiphany, and Patrick, Pet

#### Gibbons Claims Exemption.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 29.—On the ground that he has a wife and three children to support and through his work as boxing instructor at Camp Dodge is already in the military serv ice, Mike Gibbons, the b draft exemption today, Scranton Ruleases Lew Frost.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 29.-Manager Kane, of the Scranton basket-ball In the country for match games.

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Paskert for Williams.

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## TOSSERS MEET WITH SUCCESS

Basket-ball Thrives in Local Ranks During 1917. Georgetown Leads.

During the season of 1916-17 basket-ball was more prosperous in the Dis-trict and vicinity than at any time in the history of the game. All the colleges had splendid teams and be-sides, there were four well organised leagues.

while all the college teams we more of less successful, Georgetow University carried off the honors. Star as the Washington championship is concerned, the laurels go to that team, while the other three teams. Catholic University, Gallaudet College and George Washington, were about on a par. Georgetown University trounced George Washington twice and Gallaudet once, not meeting Catholic University, Georgetown University played the steadlest game, although the Blue and Gray aggregation was topped for season honors by Catholic University. Georgetown tion was topped for season honors by Catholic University. Georgetown won eight of their thirteen entage-ments, while Catholic University gar-nered the same number of victories

in twelve starts.

George Washington, afflicted with inconsistency as shown by the others, was able to win only seven of its six of its fifteen. As in other years, the teams were unable to do well away from home, each of the colleges winning only one contest on their op-ponent's courts. In the Washington intercollege games, however cept George Washington managed to gain a victory on their opponent's courts. The feature of this local series was the remarkable improve-ment of Gallaudet toward the end the season. Defeated early in campaign by George Washington Un-versity and Catholic University they took on a new lease of life before the return contests were played and routed both their opponents. They routed both their opponents. The home, getting two of is on foreign floors. G most notable performance was it victory over Catholic University on the latter team's floor, the first ever accomplished by the college. With few exceptions, Galfaudet's loames

were by small margins.
Each of the four colleges possessed
players of more than ordinary ability,
in some instances there being three this taking place on May 12, selected for the Washington Posts the Yellow and White outfit ted the out-of-town prize in the Catholic University and Fees, of Catholic University and Fees, of each was remarkably accurate

#### SCHOLASTIC BASKET-BALL.

successful seasons in the history of local reholastic basket-ball, was that of last year. It is doubtful whether interest even "thinks" of last year. It is doubtful whether interest ever attained such a high pitch, not only among the student body, but the public as swell, as that exhibited during, the past winter. A large part of this prowing popularity can be attributed to the fact that the general class of play put forth by the scholastic teams was of a highhis singles match, but he and land played throughout the entire sento, the Penn Relay games in Philadel- preparatory school in the District, but he and played throughout the entire sento, the Penn Relay games in Philadel- preparatory school in the District, but he and the contributed the only East.

#### INDEPENDENT BASKET-BALL.

There were several very strong independent teams, the Federals of the Noel House Settlement, composed of O'Connor and Anderson, forwards; turn games from. The team was coup-posed of the following stars: Miller, Payne and Young, forwards: Wilson,

### Re-elected Commodore New York, Dec. 29.—Henry W. Medi-

ball Club, was re-elected commodors of the Little Neck Bay Yacht Club, for of the Little and the annual the third time, at the annual Wonnesday evening.

Charles Hauck was elected vice-commodore, A. Norman Issertell, rear-commodore, and J. Broady, fleet cambodore, Dr. H. R. Alien was elected Alexander. Derget, and a second seco retary. The officers of the gether with Oscar Engels.

Keeler New Captain.

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 13-Th Wesleyan basketball team bas el ed Richard J. Keeler, of